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1. Since their unification under a single management by the Chinese Communists, the postal, telephone, and telegraph services in China have been under the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications. In mid-June 1953 every office of the ministry maintained a radio station and long distance telephone facilities. All of these offices were utilizing new type machines. At some offices there were military representatives who had been assigned by the army to supervise operations. Between Shanghai and Peiping and between Peiping and Moscow there were wire-photo facilities. At Changchou (N 24-32, E 117-42) and Amoy there was direct telephone service to Shanghai and Canton. At Foochow there was direct telephone service to Peiping.
2. There were approximately 300 employees in the Changchou office, which included the following sections: postal money order, stamps, telephone, telegraph, savings, mechanics, and telephone-telegraph lines. In mid-June the buildings housing the Changchou office were being enlarged and new-type Soviet-made telegraph receivers and transmitters were scheduled to be installed to increase the efficiency of communications in Fukien.
3. The facilities of the Ministry of Post and Tele-communications were used only on a small scale by Chinese Communist government and military organizations. All official mail was delivered by separate postal service under armed escort. All telephone poles in Fukien belonging to the telephone and telegraph service used by the military forces bore the characters Chun Min (6511/7044).

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